



## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS–HQ–IA–2021–0095; FXIA16710900000–212–FF09A30000]

### Foreign Endangered Species; Receipt of Permit Applications

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on applications to conduct certain activities with foreign species that are listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is issued that allows such activities. The ESA also requires that we invite public comment before issuing permits for any activity otherwise prohibited by the ESA with respect to any endangered species.

**DATES:** We must receive comments by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

**ADDRESSES: *Obtaining Documents:*** The applications, application supporting materials, and any comments and other materials that we receive will be available for public inspection at <http://www.regulations.gov> in Docket No. FWS–HQ–IA–2021–0095.

***Submitting Comments:*** When submitting comments, please specify the name of the applicant and the permit number at the beginning of your comment. You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- *Internet:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search for and submit comments on Docket No. FWS–HQ–IA–2021–0095.
- *U.S. mail:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS–HQ–IA–2021–

0095; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, MS: PRB/3W; 5275 Leesburg Pike; Falls Church, VA 22041–3803.

For more information, see **Public Comment Procedures** under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brenda Tapia, by phone at 703–358–2185, via email at [DMAFR@fws.gov](mailto:DMAFR@fws.gov), or via the Federal Relay Service at 800–877–8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Public Comment Procedures**

**A. How Do I Comment on Submitted Applications?**

We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on these applications. Before issuing any of the requested permits, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

You may submit your comments and materials by one of the methods in **ADDRESSES**. We will not consider comments sent by email or fax, or to an address not in **ADDRESSES**. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**).

When submitting comments, please specify the name of the applicant and the permit number at the beginning of your comment. Provide sufficient information to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include. The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations.

**B. May I Review Comments Submitted by Others?**

You may view and comment on others' public comments at <http://www.regulations.gov>, unless our allowing so would violate the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) or Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

### **C. Who Will See My Comments?**

If you submit a comment at <http://www.regulations.gov>, your entire comment, including any personal identifying information, will be posted on the website. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, such as your address, phone number, or email address, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Moreover, all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

## **II. Background**

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), we invite public comments on permit applications before final action is taken. With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits certain activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is issued that allows such activities. Permits issued under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA allow otherwise prohibited activities for scientific purposes or to enhance the propagation or survival of the affected species. Service regulations regarding prohibited activities with endangered species, captive-bred wildlife registrations, and permits for any activity otherwise prohibited by the ESA with respect to

any endangered species are available in title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations in part 17.

### **III. Permit Applications**

We invite comments on the following applications.

## **Endangered Species**

**Applicant: American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY; Permit No. 51221D**

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples derived from wild golden-shouldered parrots (*Psephotus chrysopterygius*), taken in Queensland, Australia, for the purpose of scientific research. This notification is for a single import.

**Applicant: Associated Humane Societies, dba Popcorn Park Animal Refuge, Forked River, NJ; Permit No. 83167D**

The applicant requests a permit to import one male and one female tiger (*Panthera tigris*) of unknown origin, from the Cherry Brook Zoo, St. John, New Brunswick, Canada, for the purpose of enhancing the propagation or survival of the species. This notification is for a single import.

**Applicant: Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ; Permit No. 094332**

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from wild, captive-held and captive-born chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes*), bonobos (*Pan paniscus*), gorillas (*Gorilla gorilla*), and orangutans (*Pongo pygmaeus*) from various countries for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

**Applicant: Wade Harrell, Whooping Crane Recovery Plan Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 2, Austwell, TX; Permit No. PER0016823**

The applicant requests renewal of a permit to import captive-bred/captive-hatched and wild live specimens, captive-bred/wild-collected viable eggs, biological samples, and salvaged materials from captive-bred/wild specimens of whooping cranes (*Grus Americana*) from Canada, for completion of identified task and objectives mandated under the Service Whooping Crane Recovery Plan. Salvage materials may include, but are not limited to, whole or partial specimens, feathers, eggs, and eggshell fragments. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

**Applicant: Smithsonian National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute, Washington, DC; Permit No. PER0017129**

The applicant requests a permit to import two female captive-bred Asian elephants (*Elephas maximus*) from the Rotterdam Zoo, Rotterdam, Netherlands, for the purpose of enhancing the propagation or survival of the species. This notification is for a single import.

**Applicant: Wildlife World Zoo, Inc., Litchfield Park, AZ; Permit No. 54998D**

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following species, to enhance the propagation or survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Common Name	Scientific Name
African penguin	<i>Spheniscus demersus</i>
Southern white rhinoceros	<i>Ceratotherium simum simum</i>
Saltwater crocodile	<i>Crocodylus porosus</i>
Madagascar radiated tortoise	<i>Geochelone radiata</i>
Galapagos tortoise	<i>Geochelone nigra</i>
Apaporis river caiman	<i>Caiman crocodilus apaporiensis</i>

Brown caiman	<i>Caiman crocodilus fuscus</i>
Common caiman	<i>Caiman crocodilus crocodilus</i>
African dwarf crocodile	<i>Osteolaemus tetraspis tetraspis</i>
Congo dwarf crocodile	<i>Osteolaemus tetraspis osborni</i>
Nile crocodile	<i>Crocodylus niloticus</i>
Lar white-handed gibbon	<i>Hylobates lar</i>
Pileated gibbon	<i>Hylobates pileatus</i>
Siamang	<i>Symphalangus syndactylus</i>
Cotton-top tamarin	<i>Saguinus oedipus</i>
Brush-tailed rat-kangaroo	<i>Bettongia penicillata</i>
Cheetah	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>
African lion	<i>Panthera leo leo</i>
African lion	<i>Panthera leo melanochaita</i>
Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris</i>
Andean condor	<i>Vultur gryphus</i>
White-naped crane	<i>Grus vipio</i>
Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>
Ring-tailed lemur	<i>Lemur catta</i>
Black-and-white ruffed lemur	<i>Varecia variegata</i>
Red ruffed lemur	<i>Varecia rubra</i>
Arabian oryx	<i>Oryx leucoryx</i>
Red lechwe	<i>Kobus leche</i>
South American tapir	<i>Tapirus terrestris</i>
Scarlet macaw	<i>Ara macao cyanoptera</i>
Blue-throated macaw	<i>Ara glaucogularis</i>
Military macaw	<i>Ara militaris</i>
Clouded leopard	<i>Neofelis nebulosa</i>

**Applicant: Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium, Tacoma, WA; Permit No. 77904D**

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following species to enhance the propagation or survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Common Name	Scientific Name
Radiated tortoise	<i>Astrochelys radiata</i>
Parma wallaby	<i>Macropus parma</i>
Asian elephant	<i>Elephas maximus</i>
Black-and-white ruffed lemur	<i>Varecia variegata</i>
Ring-tailed lemur	<i>Lemur catta</i>
Northern white-cheeked gibbon	<i>Nomascus leucogenys</i>
Siamang	<i>Symphalangus syndactylus</i>
Clouded leopard	<i>Neofelis nebulosa</i>
Sumatran tiger	<i>Panthera tigris sumatrae</i>
Malayan tapir	<i>Tapirus indicus</i>
Lowland anoa	<i>Bubalus depressicornis</i>

**Applicant: Caldwell Zoo, Tyler, TX; Permit No. 71365D**

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following species to enhance the propagation or survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Common Name	Scientific Name
Cheetah	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>
Military macaw	<i>Ara militaris</i>
Black rhinoceros	<i>Diceros bicornis</i>
Grevy's zebra	<i>Equus grevyi</i>
Northern bald ibis	<i>Geronticus eremita</i>
Red-ruffed lemur	<i>Varecia rubra</i>
Ring-tailed lemur	<i>Lemur catta</i>
African lion	<i>Panthera leo melanochaita</i>
Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris</i>
Cotton-top tamarin	<i>Saguinus oedipus</i>
African penguin	<i>Spheniscus demersus</i>

**Applicant: Henry Vilas Zoo, Madison, WI; Permit No. 77262D**



The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following species to enhance the propagation or survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Common Name	Scientific Name
Bactrian camel	<i>Camelus bactrianus</i>
African wild ass	<i>Equus africanus</i>
Lar gibbon	<i>Hylobates lar</i>
Ring-tailed lemur	<i>Lemur catta</i>
Black-and-white ruffed lemur	<i>Varecia variegata</i>
Golden lion tamarin	<i>Leontopithecus rosalia</i>
African lion	<i>Panthera leo melanochaita</i>
Siberian tiger	<i>Panthera tigris altaica</i>
Bornean orangutan	<i>Pongo pygmaeus pygmaeus</i>
African penguin	<i>Spheniscus demersus</i>
Southern white rhinoceros	<i>Ceratotherium simum simum</i>

**Applicant: Venado Ventures, LLC, Columbus, TX; Permit No. 79076D**

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for red lechwe (*Kobus leche*), to enhance the propagation or survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

**Applicant: Honolulu Zoo, Honolulu, HI; Permit No. 77784D**

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following species to enhance the propagation or survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Common Name	Scientific Name
Cheetah	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>
Black rhinoceros	<i>Diceros bicornis</i>
Ring-tailed lemur	<i>Lemur catta</i>
African lion	<i>Panthera leo melanochaita</i>
Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris</i>
African penguin	<i>Spheniscus demersus</i>
Japanese giant salamander	<i>Andrias japonicus</i>
Radiated tortoise	<i>Astrochelys radiata</i>
Galapagos tortoise	<i>Geochelone nigra</i>

Komodo Island monitor	<i>Varanus komodoensis</i>
Lar gibbon	<i>Hylobates lar</i>
Siamang	<i>Symphalangus syndactylus</i>
Chimpanzee	<i>Pan troglodytes</i>
Orangutan	<i>Pongo pygmaeus</i>
African wild dog	<i>Lycaon pictus</i>
Gavial	<i>Gavialis gangeticus</i>
Asian Elephant	<i>Elephas maximus</i>

**Applicant: Venado Ventures, LLC, Columbus, TX; Permit No. 79085D**

The applicant requests a permit authorizing the culling of excess red lechwe (*Kobus leche*) from the captive herd maintained at their facility, to enhance the species' propagation and survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

**IV. Next Steps**

After the comment period closes, we will make decisions regarding permit issuance. If we issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the *Federal Register*. You may locate the notice announcing the permit issuance by searching <http://www.regulations.gov> for the permit number listed above in this document. For example, to find information about the potential issuance of Permit No. 12345A, you would go to [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and search for "12345A".

**V. Authority**

We issue this notice under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and its implementing regulations.

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